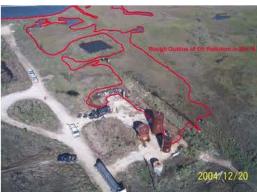


Viking Tank Battery Well 31

Hitchcock, TX - EPA Region VI



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1 mile west of I 45 on S H 6 Hitchcock, TX www.epaosc.org/vikingwellbattery Latitude: 29.3344320

Longitude: -94.9564640

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The site is currently abandoned. The tank battery comprises of two corroded tanks and one corroded gun barrel. The water leg from the gun barrel broke and fell down. The valve in the water leg was left open and as a result about 240 bbls of oil was released into the tank battery area which spilled over to the marshy area. The gun barrel is 500 bbls in size. 5 miles of Highland Bayou and shoreline were affected by the spill. About 1 acre of marshy area has been affected. Hwy 45 is on the north side of the spill location and State Hwy 6 is on the south side. One oil well is present at the site. The well is shut, however it still has pressure.

TGLO got notified of oil spill on December 18th. USCG and TGLO have been using Garner Environmental to do the cleanup. Shoreline and Bayou have been cleaned up. Booms are still in place to catch any remaining oil coming from site. The booms will be in place till the next rain event to catch any oil leaving the marshy area. Oil is still present in the marshy areas. Garner is sucking up oil/water from low lying areas ditches/sumps. This will continue this week. Oil/water is being taken to Waste Recovery.

TX RRC has removed oil from the two tanks and the remaining oil from the tank battery (70 bbls). EPA will work with TX RRC to address the tank battery and surrounding area cleanup.

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